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Copy: - President of Ukraine, Mr. Volodymyr Zelensky
- Prime Minister of Ukraine, Mr. Volodymyr Groysman,
- Minister of Energy and Coal Mining of Ukraine, Mr. Igor Nasalyk

Copy: - U.S. Secretary of Energy, Mr. Rick Perry
- U.S. Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Wilbur Ross
- U.S. Chargé D'Affaires, Amb. William Taylor

Re: International PSA Tender – Dolphin Block

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We write with regard to Ukraine's current undertaking of an international competitive tender for award of a production sharing agreement (PSA) for oil and gas exploration related to an offshore area in the Black Sea known as the 'Dolphin Block'.

It is our understanding that the government is presently evaluating international bids to commence new exploration work on the Dolphin Block, including an offer from a participant based in Texas.

With this in mind, we wish to commend your country's efforts to achieve its strategic energy independence via transparent, competitive and fair international tenders that are underpinned by the rule of law. Moreover, we strongly encourage your government to seek to develop Ukraine's vast oil and gas resources in a manner similar to the great success we have achieved in the United States. With this success, the American people have been the beneficiaries of an open and competitive energy marketplace that has resulted in the delivery of low cost energy in their day-to-day lives. This has been a key building block to the strong and ever-growing economy that the United States has enjoyed for many years.

With the prospect of new international investment in areas like the Dolphin Block, situated in strategic proximity to Russia's occupation of Crimea, Ukraine's natural resources have the potential to not only deliver great benefit and national security to a growing domestic economy, but also deliver security associated with the future export of energy to Europe that will further provide independence from reliance on Russia. Our Secretary of Energy, former Governor of Texas, Rick Perry, has on many

occasions highlighted this important opportunity that currently exists in Ukraine's oil and gas sector.

We wish you the best of luck in your endeavors to continue to build Ukraine's domestic oil and gas sector, and we look forward to fostering a closer relationship between our two countries in this area of strategic importance.

Respectfully,

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